



## FBI's Most Wanted Fugitives List Levels Off

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI's list of most wanted fugitives has leveled off at 10, with more than half of them political revolutionaries, and there is no indication it will be expanded in the near future.

But there is no reason why it couldn't, should the need arise.

"We're not wedded to the number ten," said Jack E. Herington, the FBI spokesman. "We would like to keep it at 10. If it's necessary, we'll add names to the list."

The 23-year-old Ten Most Wanted Fugitives program first went over 10 in 1961 when hatchet-killer Richard Marquette was put on the list. He was arrested the following day.

In late 1970, however, the FBI list reached a record high with 16 people, nine of them sought for such crimes as sabotage and terrorist acts.

The current list, which was reduced to 10 last summer, contains the names of seven so-called political revolutionaries.

Herington said that the political fugitives have caused the investigative agency some problems because they may have fled the country to a sanctuary where the U.S. has no jurisdiction, such as Algeria.

Another problem, he said, is that the political fugitive doesn't travel in the same circles as the traditional bank robber or murderer whose apprehension built the reputation of accomplishment for the FBI.

"They move in a different culture," he said. "The political fugitive does not move in the normal underground system. It makes it more difficult for us."

On Feb. 17, 1972, Karleton Lewis Armstrong, one of four men wanted in connection with a fatal bombing on the University of Wisconsin campus, was captured by Canadian police in Toronto.

Only one other person on the then-list of 12 was apprehended during the year—Byron J. Rice who had been charged with the murder of an armored car guard. He surrendered to FBI agents in Chicago last Aug. 1.

There have been 317 persons put on the most wanted fugitive list since its inception in 1950 and 295 have been apprehended.

Twelve others, including two last year, were taken off because they either were believed dead or the charges were dropped against them.

The "process dismissed" action is the only way a person's name can be removed from the list once it is put on.

Acting FBI director L. Patrick Gray III, and J. Edgar Hoover before him, decides what fugitives are placed on the Top Ten list after receiving recommendations from the field.

Hoover personally ordered the list to be expanded in 1961 and 1970 because he thought it

was of utmost importance that the fugitives be caught.

Asked about the criticism that the FBI puts the name of fugitives they are about to capture on the list, Herington replied that the charge was ridiculous.

"There hasn't been a single case like that," he said. "We don't get any extra points for a top 10 fugitive. If we can catch a fugitive, we'll catch him."

He said there have been quick arrests because the program works.

"The method has been effective because we have apprehended a fugitive after he has been on the list for only 24 or 48 hours," he said. "But somebody may see his picture in the paper or on television and spot him on the street. That person will call the FBI and we are then able to move rapidly."

The newest addition to the Top Ten list is Mace Brown, a convicted hired assassin who participated in an escape from the District of Columbia jail last fall. He was put on last Oct. 20.

Charles Lee Herron, one of five men allegedly involved in the slaying of one police officer and the critical wounding of another in Nashville, Tenn., on Jan. 16, 1968, was placed on the list on Feb. 9, 1968, and has been on the longest.

The others are Benjamin H. Paddock, who escaped from a

federal prison in Texas while serving a 20-year sentence; Cameron D. Bishop, charged with sabotage in the dynamiting of Colorado power transmission towers;

Also, Dwight A. Armstrong, Leo Burt and David Fine, all wanted in the University of Wisconsin bombing; Bernardine Dohrn, a self-described revolutionary Communist and leader of the Weathermen; and Susan E. Saxe and Katherine Ann Power, reputed members of a radical, revolutionary group dedicated to attacking the United States military system and undermining police powers.

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## Tulare Okays Bond Issue To Construct Gymnasium

TULARE — Construction on a \$210,000 gymnasium at the Tulare High School will begin this summer as voters passed a bond issue by more than 80 per cent here Tuesday.

A total of 354 votes were cast in the special bond issue with 286 for and 68 against the proposed construction for an 80.79 per cent approval.

The new gymnasium will be constructed south of the current grade school and will include a stage area, girls and boys locker rooms and concessions and tickets lobby.

The structure will replace a gym in the 50-year-old high

school building which has a seating capacity of 300 people. The new facility will seat an estimated 700 people, officials said.

With the construction of the new gymnasium, capital outlay funds will be used to remodel the old gym into "badly needed" classroom space, enlarged library and music facilities.

Tulare Superintendent Fred Denhart said the new structure will be paid for through the sale of bonds which will be "paid off in 10 years on less than a three mill levy per year."

Denhart said none of the \$210,000 will be used for remodeling projects but \$17,000 capital outlay funds have been allocated for improvements during 1973. As monies are available, other improvements will be made, he said.

The size of the Tulare school district, Denhart said, should remain stable for at least 10 years. Currently, Tulare High School enrolls 80 students.

The school district voters will be paying for the gymnasium during the next 10 years but during 1973 will complete payments of the last bonds for the grade school which was constructed in 1957.

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### Life Insurance Sales Practices Called A Scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The author of a consumers' guide to buying insurance says "the deceptive sales practices found in the life-insurance industry constitute a national scandal."

Dr. Joseph M. Belth also told a Senate judiciary subcommittee looking into the insurance field Tuesday that buyer's apathy has resulted in the industry generally training its agents almost exclusively in selling techniques on perhaps only one or two of the available policies.

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader and Belth, an Indiana University insurance professor, called for federal guidelines for life insurance, spelling out costs and benefits, similar to the truth-in-lending law.

Statistician Ernest J. Moorehead urged the insurance industry to develop a plan for comparing policies of some 1,800 companies.

Nader said the federal and state governments should provide "yardstick" competition by offering simple, low-cost term insurance, a policy that only pays a benefit upon death to widow and children.

### Whooping Crane Missing In Texas

REGINA, SASK. (AP) — A rare whooping crane has disappeared from the birds' winter grounds at the Aransas Wildlife Refuge in Texas, an official of the Museum of Natural History in Regina said Tuesday.

Lorne Scott, Canadian coordinator for the whooping crane council, said the bird has been missing for the last week. It disappeared after arriving at the refuge with its mate and a young bird. It was the 14th whooping crane to disappear this year.

Scott said it is unusual for the birds to stray once they are in the refuge, on the United States Gulf Coast.

He said hope is almost gone for the 13 others, missing and presumed dead along the Gulf Coast. If all 14 birds were confirmed as casualties, it would reduce the known wild population of whooping cranes to 50. There are 19 of the birds in captivity. Scott said there appears to be a natural die-off among the birds about every decade or so.

### ARMAN GRADUATED

WOLSEY — Airman Darrell D. Bult, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Bult of rural Wolsey, Miss., has graduated at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., from the Air Training Command's basic course for electronic specialists. He is remaining there for advanced training as a computer systems repairman.

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